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Habitat and SJC “Shack Up” to Help the Less Fortunate

Saint Joseph's College students continue to show their humanitarian efforts – this time in the effort to assist low-income families in the area. On Thursday, October 18 at 7 p.m., SJC students involved in the college's chapter of Habitat for Humanity hosted the third annual Shack City fundraiser. Students volunteered to spend the night camping out in the intramural field from 7 p.m. Thursday night until 7 a.m. Friday morning.

The original idea to organize a Shack City event came from the Habitat for Humanity International Campus Chapters division, which suggested the fundraiser as a visible event to raise awareness around campus. All the proceeds will help fund

Habitat's trips to other affiliates, as well as other future projects.

Students were asked to get sponsors to “buy” their boxes at the suggested donation amount of \$30 dollars; however, any donation was

greatly appreciated. Most students asked parents, faculty, staff or friends to help purchase their box. Then the students, with only their boxes for shelter, slept twelve hours out on the

field. Participants not only shared hot chocolate and snacks around the campfire, but also a common goal to help others who are less fortunate than themselves.

Tina Carroll
Reporter



Blaire Henley and Luz Arambula shack it up for Habitat

The event was organized by faculty advisor Fred Berger, as well as chapter members Kate Nowalk and

for low-income families who are the nation's ‘working poor.’ However, this is still a great eye-opening experience and opportunity for students to help those less fortunate people,” explains Berger.

Nowalk added, “Many students do not realize that there are homeless families all over the country, as well as

struggling families right here in Rensselaer.”

Nowalk and Krouse expected around 20 – 40 students to brave the cold and participate in the event. If



Heidi Schwarz, Amanda Callon and Julianne Adams try to keep warm

Kris Krouse. This year, the group opted to have the event take place on campus, after hosting last year's Shack City on the Courthouse lawn in Rensselaer. “Habitat members have to put in 10 hours of community service each semester in order to be considered active members, and this will fulfill their requirement,” said Berger.

Berger went on to clarify the mission of Habitat for Humanity.

“Habitat does not build houses for the homeless. We build

you missed Shack City and would like to participate in some of the club's upcoming events, contact Fred Berger for more information.



The Saint Joseph's College chapter of Habitat for Humanity recently participated in a workday. Their project, the Jasper County Habitat for Humanity house, is located on Melville St. in Rensselaer.

~photos provided by Fred Berger

SJC to Host Annual Conference for Indiana Student Staff

During the weekend of Oct. 20, Saint Joseph's College will host the two-day annual Conference for Indiana Student Staff (C.I.S.S.).

Under the supervision of Christine Zerbst, Director of Residence Life, the conference aims to sharpen students' leadership skills and provide an opportunity to discuss ideas with students from other schools in the state.

“I recently attended a Residence Life and Housing conference and found out nobody had volunteered to host the conference, so I volunteered the College,” she said.

The activities for the weekend include workshops and activities that

Bree Ma'Ayteh
Editor

deal with stress management, cultural diversity, personality conflicts, program ideas, and career opportunities in Residence Life.

SJC Resident Assistants Megan Taylor and Erick Smith are among those scheduled to make presentations. Tay-

lor will talk about the Sexual Assault Factual Education for Resistance (S.A.F.E.R.) program and the importance of sexual education on college campuses. Smith will discuss how publicity can encourage or hinder a program's success.

“If you don't do the right kind of publicity, you won't get the kind of turnout you want,” he said.

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Heating Things Up

A students prospective on the "Warm Dorm" situation

As the seasons change here in Indiana, the temperatures drop. This is a blessing for those here at Saint Joseph's living in dorms without air-conditioning. I too, experienced that sort of living, but in a much hotter season: this past summer. Along with numerous other students, I stayed in Bennett Hall. Many people were there because of summer school, others had full time jobs on campus or in the area, and some stayed for other reasons.

My bone to pick involves the housing that we received. I believe that as students of Saint Joseph's College, we should have the privilege of air-conditioning during the summer. I can remember clearly how hot and miserable the dorms were when the temperatures rose. This summer was an especially

steamy one. I can recall several cases throughout the region where deaths occurred from heat exhaustion and other related cases. The grueling heat was almost unbearable, and there were times when students would bring their bedding to the first floor lounge for a comfortable nights sleep in cool, breathable air. In fact, some even camped outside toward the end of the summer when the nights became a little cooler than the days.

Is this a fair way to treat our students? We have other housing on this campus that is supplied with air conditioning, and I feel that we have a right to it. With this, authority uses the excuse that the air-conditioning is used for the camps that are held here at the College. This is ridiculous. There is no reason why these camps should be given any higher

privileges than us. They may bring the College a couple hundred dollars per person each summer, but we bring Saint Joseph's close to \$22,000 a year. That has to count for something.

Also, if they think that these high school and junior high camps cannot go without air-conditioning for a week, they need to investigate a little more. I've attended weeklong camps during the summer every year for the past seven years *without* air-conditioning. Although uncomfortable, it was something that I was able to deal with for only a week. When it comes to eight weeks or more in the hot summers of Indiana, air-conditioning is a benefit that should be awarded to us, the hardworking Saint Joseph's College students that keep this institution in business!

Unseen, Unheard, Unknown...The Forgotten Athletes

One of the things I remember most about Saint Joe's when I came for a visit on Discovery Day was its pride in both the sports and the athletes that are active in playing them. I was able to see this pride firsthand when I came here as a freshman three years ago and heard the players referred to as "Student Athletes."

Football players hold a certain level of respect among the faculty, along with the baseball and basketball players, as well as they should. These students wake up for early morning practices, attend class, and then go and practice even more. It takes great commitment to be able to call oneself a student athlete and the respect is earned for it. I think it is great that the college stands behind the varsity sports the way that they do. I can still remember seeing former president Skip Shannon at the basketball games. Students have their pictures in the cafeteria and the games are announced on poster boards in the Halleck Center. Last spring, there was so much excitement around campus in regards to the College hosting its first home track meet. Saint Joe's has really developed into a sports-oriented institution and competes heavily in the Division II sports.

But does Saint Joe's take pride in every sport? Is it behind *all* student athletes and their games? How many people here on campus know we not only have a J.V. volleyball team, but a J.V. women's soccer team as well? When I tell people that I play on the J.V. Soccer team, the common response that I get is that "I didn't even know we had one." After hearing this for quite a while, it made me begin to wonder why people didn't know, and if the J.V. sports here are treated any differently from varsity sports.

The honest truth is that the jun-

Amy Meyers

ior varsity sports at Saint Joe's are neglected by not only the college, but by the college community. I myself play on the J.V. Women's soccer team and I experience this firsthand. I don't know if the College realizes that it does this, but it is an issue that needs to be addressed. There are 15 girls who play on the J.V. team, including myself, we do not get the recognition that we deserve. Not once have we had a trainer out on the field to be there in case someone gets hurt. We play on a field that is full of divets and gopher holes, and there is always the chance of one of us stepping in one and breaking an ankle. But if we did, we wouldn't have a way to get help unless one of us went to get a trainer or called one from the apartments or Justin Hall. The trainers are on this campus to assist the athletes in their activities and to prevent any injuries. That is a hard task to accomplish if they are not around when we practice.

Another problem is that we do not get water containers during practices. Unlike the varsity teams, who get the big, orange Gatorade bins full of water and water bottles, the J.V. teams are responsible for bringing their own water to practices. Sure we need to take some responsibility for practices, but why are varsity teams treated with so much more respect than the J.V. teams?

Soccer is not the only sport where this happens. I have kept an eye on the school newspaper to see if any J.V. sports are reported on for their games, and none were mentioned. I talked with a few girls on the J.V. volleyball team, and the same things are happening to them. They do not have a trainer either, and the only reason they have water is because they prac-

tice directly after the varsity team does. They also are not mentioned in the paper. The college ignores the fact that there are J.V. volleyball games as well as varsity ones.

So what's the problem then? Regardless of the fact that we are a J.V. team and not a varsity team, we are still representing the college in all competitions. We still wear the college colors and our jerseys have "St. Joseph's College" printed on them. Is it that the College does not see the J.V. volleyball team as a real team because we are not varsity ones? If that is the case, why are we out practicing two or three times a week? Why do we have games? A team is a group of individuals that come out to train in order to compete in a particular activity. The fact that we may not practice as much as varsity players does not mean that we love our sport any less. We try just as hard in practices and deserve the same respect and recognition that the varsity does. We are student athletes, too, and the college needs to realize that.

How can we represent the college if the college doesn't even acknowledge us as players? We need trainers at our practices; we need our games to be advertised; we need to be acknowledged with the other sports in the school paper; WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF OUR COLLEGE!!! I am not one to form the attitude that just because the college doesn't care means I shouldn't care. I use the neglect to fuel my training and show the college the skills and talents that I have. Regardless though, any J.V. team, whether it be soccer, volleyball, or basketball, needs the same support, respect, and recognition as varsity sport. I hope that this awakens many to what is going on, and will start to support your student athletes, both varsity and junior varsity.

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to hear from you!

Philip J. Wilhelm Honored at Tribute Dinner

Breain Ma'Ayteh
Reporter

On Oct. 18, Saint Joseph's College honored Board of Trustee Member Philip J. Wilhelm at a Tribute Dinner, held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown.

Approximately 350 people attended the dinner which recognized Wilhelm's continuing support of Saint Joseph's College and Catholic education and at the same time, served to establish The Philip J. Wilhelm Scholarship Fund.

"The dinner was a tremendous success," commented Maureen Egan, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Marketing. "It was a wonderful way to recognize Phil's service to the College. The scholarship is a unique way to thank Phil for his efforts and, in his name, help to pro-

vide a Saint Joseph's College education for an Indianapolis area Catholic high school graduate."

The first major presentation of the evening was the unveiling of an oil portrait of Philip J. Wilhelm. The painting of the portrait was sponsored by the Walter E. and Mary C. Beyer Fund, a private, charitable trust whose purpose is to provide gifts of portraits to the colleges and universities in Indiana. The trust allows for the commission of an artist to paint a life-size portrait of an individual that has played a significant role in the development of the institution with which the person is associated. That individual is selected by the institution's Board of Trustees, and the portrait will reside at a determined location on campus.

Artist Mark Dillman, Phil Wilhelm and Board of Trustees Chairman Jim Madden presented the portrait to College President Ernest

Mills, III, who expressed his thanks on behalf of the College.

Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson issued a proclamation that was read by Madden and presented to Wilhelm. The proclamation recognized Wilhelm's contributions to Catholic education, volunteerism and community service in Indianapolis, and declared Oct. 18 "Philip J. Wilhelm Day."

Intended as a personal keepsake for Wilhelm was a tribute video, which included interviews with friends and footage from historic events in Wilhelm's life. WISH TV, based in Indianapolis, assisted in its production.

The College hopes to have raised approximately \$50,000 from the dinner for the scholarship fund. Final numbers will be released as soon as possible.

An Indianapolis native, Wilhelm graduated from Saint Joseph's College

in 1963 with a Bachelor's degree in Business and Marketing. Upon graduation, he returned to his hometown to work for F.A. Wilhelm Construction Company. He currently serves as the company's Vice President, in addition to being President of Southeastern Supply Company, Inc.

Wilhelm has been a Saint Joseph's College Board of Trustees member since 1971, holding the Chairman position from 1986 to 2000. He has been active in SJC's Alumni Association and has co-chaired the annual Trustees Scholarship Dinner. The College's Alumni Association awarded him the Alumni Service Award in 1975 and in 1985 he was presented an honorary degree, doctor of laws. In 1996, he received the highest honor awarded in Indianapolis for participation in Catholic Community Service.

Keeping it Real At Saint Joseph's College

Who: All Justin Residence Hall Residents
What: Let's Make Soap!
When: Monday, October 29, 2001
Where: Second Floor Lounge-Justin
Notes: Educational/Social/Hall
By: RA: Karyn Greig

When: Wednesday, October 31, 2001, 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Where: Halleck Center Ballroom
Notes: Social/Campus
By: RA: John Westerfield, Luke Hansen, Micah Combs, Patrick Smith, Travis Lechien, Emery Moore

Who: All Noll Residents
What: November Is Pictures Month
When: Throughout Mid-October to Mid-November
Where: Throughout Noll Residence Hall
Notes: Social/Hall
By: RA: Erick Smith

Who: Second Floor Justin East Residents
What: Birthday Announcements/Candies
When: First Monday of Each Month
Where: Second Floor Justin East Bulletin Board
Notes: Social/Floor
By: RA: Maribel Licea

Who: Justin West Third Floor Residents
What: Pumpkin Painting
When: Tuesday, October 30, 2001, 9 p.m.
Where: Justin Second Floor Lounge
Notes: Social
By: RA-Andrea Horst

Who: Core 7: Where St. Joe's Meets Chicago's Cultures
ALL Campus, Chaperones are Chattin, Egan, Chen
What: Travel to Chicago to visit Chicago-Town's (India, China) and Visit to Pan-Asian Restaurant Correlating to Core 7
When: Tuesday, November 6, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Sign Up Sheets Start October 15, 2001
Notes: \$24 per student, Educational/Social/Campus/Cultural
By: RA: Erick Smith, Renee Simon

Who: All Campus Residents
What: Temptation Island Night
When: Wednesday, October 31, 2001, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Where: Noll First Floor Lounge
Notes: Social/Cultural/Educational/Campus, Discussion on dating, watch show, set up couple, food and history of Temptation Island, David Weed, Director of Counseling Center will be available for questions
By: RA: Erick Smith, Addie Nicholson, Renee Simon, Kelly Krayniak, Nick Schweiss, Ryan Myszak

Who: All Campus Residents
What: Dance For Halloween

Who: Justin West First Floor, All Justin Residents
What: Pizza With Professors
When: Wednesday, November 7, 2001, 6 p.m.
Where: Second Floor Justin Lounge
Notes: Dr. Seely (Statistics) will be present to discuss and answer questions
By: RA-Karen Greig



Puma's Show Their Support

On the one month anniversary of the September 11 tragedy SJC students, faculty, and staff displayed their continuing support of the recovery efforts, by wearing red, white and blue. Student organizer Blaire Henley will be sending the pictures, along with letters of thanks to rescue teams that helped in the recovery efforts.



Justin Hall Gets the Spooks

Susan Huss
Features Editor

If you are going to visit Justin Hall, be prepared. Don't be scared. The spiders, witches, and tombstones are not real. They're only decorations.

Senior Maribel Licea, the resident assistant (R.A.) for Justin Second East, had the idea for a Halloween door-decorating contest. At the suggestion of Christine Zerbst, Director of Residence Life, the door-decorating contest also included a hallway decorating for the entire dorm.

"I wanted to do this to get people into the spirit of Halloween, and so it could look nice for the little siblings that come down to visit," Licea said.

Prizes, including gift certificates from Wal-Mart and phone cards, were awarded to first, second, and third place winners on each floor in the door-decorating contest. The floor that wins the hallway-decorating contest will receive a pizza party. However, more important than prizes is the prospect of bringing floors together.

"A lot of people on our floor put effort into decorating," Licea said. "It's not just about winning but getting together to do a project. It helps us to get familiar with each other and build friendships, but if we do win, people will see that their hard work paid off."

Residence Life provided the funding for the floors to decorate, but everything else was left up to the work and the imaginations of the individual floors. Junior Renee Simon, R.A. of Justin Third East, said decorating her floor was a joint effort between many of the girls.

"We haven't done anything like this in the past," Simon said. "It's obviously a group effort, and the girls want to compete in the contest. We couldn't do this without a lot of people."

Simon, who has a high number of freshmen on her floor, said the contest was a good way to build camaraderie on her floor.

"It brings about a sense of community, allows us to celebrate the holiday, and do something fun together," Simon said. "The girls are just so fun. This allows me to get to know them better."

A freshman on Simon's floor, Erin Diener, said she enjoyed the contest since it allowed her to use her creativity and competitiveness; she has also enjoyed spending time with her floor.

"Our whole floor has gotten together," Diener said. "We're coming up with a lot of ideas and we're feeding off each other. We're getting to know each other a lot better."

Melissa Miller, a junior on Licea's floor, echoed Diener's comments. "[The best part was] doing something with the entire floor because it's not very often your entire floor does something together," Miller said.

Licea brought Mexican food from her parents' restaurant in East Chicago, "El Michoacano," for her floor to eat while they decorated the hallway.

"I wanted the girls to taste what authentic Mexican food is like," Licea said. "This year I've been blessed with having a good floor. I wanted to thank the girls for having a surprise birthday party for me, so I wanted to give them a gift."

Licea hopes to decorate for every holiday, especially Christmas. She thinks her floor will participate since they have been very enthusiastic so far.

"I think overall, even the freshmen are really cooperative," Licea said. "When it comes to different activities or programs, they're willing to come out and help. I also think most people on our floor are willing to help each other out."

Licea said it is important for a R.A. to have programs such as this contest to get involved, show leadership, and give students something to do. Simon said programs are important so residents will get to know their R.A.

"It lets them know their RA is a fun person too," Simon said.



Senior Maribel Licea prepares Mexican food for her floor's decorating party.

SJC R.A.s: Working Hard to Show You a Good Time

Nichole Workman
Reporter

Are you wondering where you can find activities like mock game shows, cook outs, and movie nights? Look no further. These events are no farther than your college dorm!

This year, the Saint Joseph's College Resident Assistants (R.A.) have been hosting especially creative activities for their dorms. Part of this, according to Christine Zerbst, Director of Residence Life, is because this year's R.A.s are very enthusiastic about their jobs. "I gave them a list of ideas for activities during training," says Zerbst, "but they have been doing a super job coming up with ideas of their own."

Some examples of these ideas are Erick Smith's parody of the game show, "The Weakest Link," and Megan Taylor and Maura Giles' "Getting to Know Each Other" program for the freshman girls of Halas.

SJC's R.A.s are viewed as role models for other students. Zerbst said a few things she looks for while interviewing R.A. candidates are leadership skills, a clean record, and willingness to get involved and help students.

"I feel like all of this year's RAs are highly qualified and we are getting a lot more compliments this year than in the past!" Zerbst said.

These role models also work hard to make students feel comfortable talking to them.

"I let the girls on my floor know that they can always come to me for whatever and whenever," said Justin Second West R.A. Addie Nicholson. "I try to make myself available when I can and keep an open mind, because I really never know what someone will tell me...no matter what, I am always willing to listen and give advice."

Other activities have included an informational discussion about eating disorders and "Pizza with a Prof," which included guest speakers Dottie Collura and Susan Chattin. There was also a bowling night, co hosted by Residence Halls Bennett and Halas, and a non-alcoholic party for freshmen.

Often times, the R.A.s team up and co-host programs. "We like to help each other out with the programs and help make sure they are successful," Nicholson said. "I think that all in all...the participation



Sophomore Shannon Cheek decorates her door for Halloween.

Puma Profile: John Keller, Dean of Students

Saint Joseph's College has new Dean of Students, Japan and done some ready to devote time to

Laura Zak
Reporter

recently welcomed aboard a John Keller. He has lived in sightseeing, but now he is SJC.

A typical day for Dean Keller includes "a lot of reading and studying of the program as it now exists." He meets frequently with his staff to discuss improvements and changes that could benefit everyone. Currently, he has been looking over job descriptions and reviewing the budget "to make the best use of our limited resources." Meeting and interacting with more and more students every day is a priority to Dean Keller, as he continues to learn and develop his position.

Dean Keller said he has many goals and plans regarding his role here at SJC. Due to a structural change a year or two ago, Dean Keller is basically re-creating the Dean of Students required board directed invoke a positive response becoming involved with campus, increasing enhancing out of class

"I firmly believe that critical thinking," Dean Keller said. "I want to create an atmosphere to extend their education room."



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liberal arts lends itself to Keller said. "I want to create an atmosphere to extend their education room."

Dean Keller said he will make a special effort towards working closely with the student government. He adds that these students have also made a strong impact on him by being "both cordial and strong, specifically in their leadership abilities."

He also said more emphasis will be put on staffing in the residence halls, and he is continuously working on other options concerning housing. He is also thinking about students' futures.

"I would ultimately like to challenge students to think about their career early in academic development to promote the necessary skills for success," he said.

Dean Keller said he looks forward to meeting everyone, and is proud to be one of the latest additions to the SJC family. He encourages everyone to make themselves known to him, and feel welcome in voicing their opinions.

I'm here, and would love for people to come and see me with suggestions for improvement, come in and share ideas, or even just to say 'hello'," he said.

Before coming to St. Joe, Dean Keller spent nine years living and working in northern Japan. His home was a small village near the city of Akita, where he worked for Minnesota State University Akita. While living in Japan, he took part in local cultural events and earned a second-degree belt in Kendo, Japanese fencing.

Along with learning Kendo, Dean Keller participated in a festival held every August in Akita called the Kanto Festival. This festival is somewhat a festival of lanterns, and is a celebration or prayer for good harvests. It attracts nearly 1.1 million people each year. Kanto consists of an array of many large candle-lit lanterns mounted onto a bamboo frame that can weigh up to 50kg. The performance involves the lifting and balancing of these structures on the shoulders, hips or hands. Dean Keller was the first foreigner ever to lift the Kanto in Akita.

After returning to the U.S., Dean Keller bought a car and did some travelling and sightseeing. Once he began a job search, he had the opportunity to interview here at SJC for the position he now holds. He said the friendly people and beautiful campus, but especially the Core program and its "guided philosophy of education," appealed to him.

"I've been very impressed with the speaking skills of many of the students I've met thus far. They are very poised and articulate," he said. "The quality of education at SJC and the friendly nature of faculty and students alike has been overwhelming."

Career Center Connections

Kelli Bridges
Reporter

What are your plans after college? Who are you going to work for? Where are you going to work?

If you are a senior and cannot answer these questions, then you are behind. By now you should have sent applications to prospective employers. Did you know that many companies have ended their hiring offers by December? That means that you have about a month and a half to research and apply to companies that you would like to work for. The process can be long and tedious, so the sooner you get started, the sooner you can secure a position.

Some things you should be doing now:

NETWORK with companies that appeal to you. Talk to people who work in the department you are interested in to see what their job is like. Ask questions about what they do, how they like it, the possibility of moving up, and the chances of being relocated. If you have already applied for a job, now is a good time to follow up on your application and see where you stand.

Take the following quiz to see how much you know about job searching. Tear out this portion of the paper (or write the answers on a separate sheet of paper) and bring it to the Career Center. We will put your name in a drawing for your choice of a Dilbert or Life's Little Instruction calendar.

1. One of the first steps in any job search is to develop an outstanding resume. True or False
2. The length of your resume as a college student should be
 - A) One page
 - B) Two pages
 - C) Three pages
 - D) As long as you need
3. Any time a job hunter answers an advertisement, a cover letter should accompany the resume. True or False
4. The resume is a marketing tool, so the more accomplishments and results it contains, the better it will exemplify the features, advantages, and benefits (FAB) of what you bring to the table. True or False
5. "Networking" means talking to important people who have jobs. True or False
6. The job search process requires about 20 hours of effort each week. True or False

Name: _____

Extension/Phone #: _____

Here are some things you will need in the next few months:

- * A well written resume
- * A cover letter
- * Preparation in interviewing do's and don'ts

If you do not have a resume yet, you should be in the process of putting one together; the Career Center has great information on how to do that; you can also get your resume critiqued. You may need a cover letter to send with your application; the Career Center can help you write that too. It also does mock interviews that help you get the feel for how a real interview might go. There are also interview videos available that can help you prepare for an interview.

It's all up to you now, you know what you need to do, so get busy! Utilize the resources in the Career Center to help you create career tools. If you need help with your resume, cover letter, or interviewing call the Career Center at ext. 6116 to make an appointment. Don't forget to take the quiz and bring your sheet up to the Career Center.

In the Mood for Murder?



On Tuesday, October 16, students were invited to a murder mystery dinner put on by Professor Neal Haskell's advanced forensics class. The class acted out the murder of notorious gangster "Hal Cappone" during the 1920's prohibition era. The audience was responsible for determining who the murderer was, the motive, and how the murder was done. This was the first time this dinner has been done, but Haskell plans to do it again.

Puma Profile: Rico Epps

Alison Cole
Reporter

Rico Epps, a junior and defensive back on the Saint Joseph's College football team, is in his third year of his SJC career. His teammates and coaches alike consider him to be a wonderful player. As a cornerback, Epps is a valuable asset to the football team.

As a player out on the field, Head Coach Tom Riva says, "His stats are really good, and as far as I am concerned he is one of our leaders and captains of the team. He works really hard during practice and it pays off out

on the field." Epps leads the team in the number of overall interceptions made, has made 15 kick off returns and scored two touchdowns this season.

Epps doesn't play any sports other than football, nor does he play football over the summer. "I try not to play over the summer because I can easily get injured and I want to save myself for the season ahead. I do however, work out and train over the summer to keep myself strong," he said.

This year, Epps discovered that he loved football in an odd way. During one of the games he was hit on the side of his knee. Luckily it did not result in any injuries and he did not have to miss any games. "Football is something that I

really love. When I almost got injured it made me realize that I only had a few years left to play and that I had to make them the best," said Epps.

His talents go beyond his choice of sport. Other than football, Epps recently became a fraternity member off campus. This has been a positive experience for him. Epps said a fraternity "teaches you how to be a business man.... It also gives you a sense of brotherhood."

Unfortunately, football is not something that Epps is considering as a career right now. Epps said, "It would be nice, but I really want to be a computer programmer."

Epps's Stats

Sport: Football

Year: Junior

Jersey Number: 21

Touchdowns for season: 2

Kickoff returns: 15

Interceptions: 2, with
68 yards

Puma Softball: Ready and Waiting

Bridget Newman
Reporter

The training season is underway for the Saint Joseph's College softball team. Both Coach Frank Wilkins and the players are highly optimistic about the 2002 spring season. The team played some of the most competitive teams in Division I in their fall season, such as Purdue. Their performance has made Wilkins hopeful for the season, which begins in late February. He remarked, "We are going to be one of the top teams in the country."

Senior Sarah Gray echoed his comment, noting that this season's team is "going to be a lot better than last year's." She noted that the freshman are excelling, "They can all hit the ball and they're all really good defensively."

Gray, though suffering a number of injuries in her right arm, still practices with the team. She's scheduled to have surgery in late fall and is anticipating having her name returned to the line-

up. Coach Wilkins said of Gray, "She's a great kid with a great attitude and a great heart. She's a leader on this team."

Wilkins also highlighted seniors Beth Nix, Kim Hamel, and Jenny Varner as players to watch this season. He also "expects big things" from junior Nikki Pecho, and added that freshman Michelle Ellis had an impressive .660 batting average in the fall season.

Players with strong talent are going to be needed in the Spring. Coach Wilkins notes that the toughest competitor for the Lady Pumas will be Lewis, who ranked second in the country last season. That game is scheduled for March 19. Until the season begins, though, the Puma Softball team will continue their hard work during fall and winter so that, in spring, they will be ready and waiting.

Men's and Women's Cross Country Have a Running Success

SJC Sports Weekend Scores

Football - against Valparaiso University. Lost 7-24

Women's Tennis - against Illinois-Springfield. Lost 2-7
against Wayne State. Lost 1-8
against Chicago State. Lost 3-6

Women's Soccer - against SIU Edwardsville. Won 1-0

Volleyball - against Southern Indiana Edwardsville. Lost 0-3
against University of Southern Indiana. Lost 0-3

Men's Cross Country - GLVC.
sixth place of 8.

Women's Cross Country - GLVC
fifth place of 8.

NICE WORK PUMAS!!!

The Men's and Women's Cross Country teams have really stepped it up this year. They both have really worked hard to improve the level of competition. With two 10 ten team finishes in the women's first four meets and the men's team doing the same it's hard to not to notice their success. With coach Bill Massoels pushing them to their best, the sky is the limit for the Pumas.

First, a look at the men's team. Matt Stout is leading the charge of the team with two to top ten individual finishes. Jeff Barker is close behind with a seventh place finish in the Eagle Invitational. The

other teammates posted great times to rack up even more points for the Pumas. The team finished second at Taylor University with 77 points and they came in third at the Eagle Invitation with 116 points. Strong showings by the Pumas have really helped them succeed this year and are optimistic for the future.

With the Women's team, Maria Toledo and Alexis Virtue lead the team with three top ten finishes

including a second by Virtue at the Eagle Invitational. Virtue also received the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference Honors by placing seventh in the GLVC Championships in Louisville, KY. The women's team won the Eagle Invitational with 51 points. At Taylor, the team finished fourth with 117 points and finished fourteenth in the midwestern meet.

At the GLVC, the women's team placed fifth, and the men's team placed sixth. They will participate in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Championships beginning Nov. 3.

Tony Salati
Reporter

In reference to the October 11 issue of the *Observer*, a correction would like to be made about the spelling of names in the sports section. Apologies to Joe Danahey and Tiffany Sajdera

*If anybody is interested in contributing their talents to the Observer,
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Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Promoting Peace and Partnership

Bridget Newman
Reporter

Members of the Saint Joseph's College community have banded together with the goal of initiating the first branch of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at SJC. The F.C.A. is a national organization with over 250,000 participants. The mission statement of the F.C.A. is "to present to coaches, athletes, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church." Members of Saint Joseph's College would like to add a branch of the F.C.A. to the long list of organizations students can be a part of on campus. According to Father Dan Torson, "The F.C.A. coincides with and promotes the SJC mission."

F.C.A. meetings would consist of bible study, discussion, and prayer. In addition, the group here would like to get involved in volunteering and possibly plan activities that also boost school pride. Freshman Tony Salati, who has experience in the F.C.A. playing football, said the group was about, "a fellowship

of people loving the Lord and loving each other." Salati and sophomore Luke Hansen agree that creating the F.C.A. at SJC will be beneficial to both students and faculty. It will enable students to become closer on a more spiritual level, creating bonds that will positively impact the SJC community, as well.

The F.C.A. is multi-denominational, all faiths are welcome. In addition, you do not have to be an athlete to be a member. All students and staff are welcome to attend meetings. It is a relaxing way to take a break from busy schedules and pause in reflection. Meetings will be on Mondays at 9 p.m. in Raleigh Hall. The

next meeting is October 22.

Reverend Doctor Daniel Torson is one of two faculty members currently

aiding the development of the F.C.A. at SJC; Coach Lynn Platt will be serving as faculty moderator. Platt is familiar with the F.C.A., having coached girls basketball in Indiana for the last three years in the F.C.A. division. He commented that there is a "priority to get to know the

Lord and grow with each other." He describes the F.C.A. as open, non-judging, and a positive experience.

Hansen said now is an ideal time to let students experience the power such a group could have. He concluded, "Christ has always been here, but now students here have the heart, the desire, and the need for the F.C.A."



Upcoming Sports Events

Oct. 24

Volleyball - Moraine Valley Community College (Palos Hills, IL) AWAY 7 pm

Oct. 25

Volleyball - Taylor University HOME 7 pm

Oct. 26

Volleyball - Quincy University HOME 7 pm

Oct. 27

Volleyball - University of Missouri-St. Louis HOME 1 pm

Men's Soccer - Lincoln (Truman State University) AWAY 1 pm

Oct. 28

Men's Soccer - Truman State University AWAY 11 am

Oct. 31-Nov. 4

Men's Soccer - GLVC Tournament TBA

Women's Soccer - GLVC Tournament TBA

Nov. 3

Volleyball - University of Wisconsin-Parkside HOME 7 pm

Football - Austin Peay University (Clarksville, TN) AWAY 1 pm

Men's Cross Country - Great Lakes Regional (Kenosha, WI) AWAY 10 am

Women's Cross Country - Great Lakes Regional (Kenosha, WI) AWAY 11 am

Nov. 10

Football - Georgetown College HOME (Senior Day) noon

Nov. 3, the Puma Pals Basketball clinic is available for students in 3rd to 8th grade in the Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse. It is \$20.

FAN BASE - WHAT GOES ON OUTSIDE THE DESIGNATED ARENA



SJC Students enjoy a private game of "football" in the IM field during Little Sib's Weekend.



Rain, Rain go away? Heck no!

Mike Alkaraki, Mary Bradshaw, and Jared West found that indoor soccer can be almost as entertaining as the real thing when the IM field was too muddy.

If you would like any pictures of IM sports, Superfans, etc, that you would like to see in "Fan Base," drop them off in the Observer Mailbox in Halleck Center

Soda Facts

(from www.didyouknow.com)

The term "soda water" was coined in 1798.

Samuel Fahnestock patented the soda fountain in 1819, with the first bottled soda water available in 1835.

The first ice-cream soda was sold in 1874 in the US.

The first cola-flavoured beverage was introduced in 1881.

In 1886 Coca-Cola is invented in Atlanta, Georgia by Dr. John S. Pemberton. Caleb Bradham invented Pepsi-Cola 12 years later.

In 1929, the Howdy Company introduced its "Bib-Label lithiated Lemon-Lime Sodas," which became 7

Up. 7 Up was invented by Charles Leiper Grigg.

The first diet soft drink, called the "No-Cal Beverage" is launched in 1952.

Aluminum cans are introduced in 1957 and two years later the first diet cola is sold.

The pull-ring tab was invented in 1962 and the re-sealable top in 1965.

Plastic bottles were first used for soft drinks in 1970.

The Polyethylene Terephthalate bottle was introduced in 1973.

The stay-on tab was invented in 1974.

Rich and Poor

(from www.didyouknow.com)

The 200 richest people in the world doubled their worth in the 4 years ending 1998. In 1965, CEO's earned on average 44 times more than factory workers. In 1998, CEO's earned on average 326 times more than factory workers did and in 1999, they earned 419 times more than factory workers. The income gap between the richest fifth of the world's people and the poorest measured by average national income per head increased from 30 to one in 1960, to 74 to one in 1998. Meanwhile, a third of the world's people live on less than \$2 a day, with 1.2 billion people living on less than \$1 a day.

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"My candle burns at both ends, It shall not last the night, But ah, my friends, And oh, my foes, It gives a lovely light."

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-Anne Leichty

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 In the US, 3% of the population own more than 95% of the private-held land

Wine is sold in tinted bottles because wine spoils when exposed to light.

Napoleon reportedly carried chocolate on all his military campaigns.

The first Ford cars had Dodge engines.

Water expands by about 9% as it freezes

The saltiest ocean is the Atlantic

SJC Poet's Corner

First Poem

.....
 She sits crosslegged
 against the wall,
 Of Science 102.
 The frills of her green scarf,
 Root her to the floor,
 Delving down
 To the basement below
 Where we store spare meters
 and metaphors.

Her hair is coiled
 Like tendrils of bronze,
 About her face.
 In the reflection of her bluish-green rubber boots

I see she's lost her train of thought.

At the bell, she uncoils,
 Uprooting her scarf.
 Scratched in her notebook's
 A long stemmed, blue flower.

Her unproductive scarf
 Trails by me, triumphantly,
 When she snatches it up,
 Winding it round her neck,
 It points straight out the door,
 Freeing her from poetry,
 Pulling her to Core 4.

~ Charles Kerlin

It was a year ago when I saw
 the twins;
 They stood tall in "my" city.
 And I was surrounded by
 the artists, the lawyers, the
 bakers and the dreamers
 and I felt at home.
 It is a year later I see the twins
 again,
 all their dignity destroyed,
 Represented by a television
 screen.
 I fall silent - I fall deaf.
 And the tears filled in my
 eyes,
 While I tried to hold them
 back.
 It was a symbol destroyed for
 me,
 and all the artists, the law-
 yers, the bakers and the
 dreamers
 fell down with the crumbling
 towers.
 I stared at my pictures from a
 year ago
 that now seem like a dream,
 Then watch in disbelief on
 the screen,
 Not believing it was the same
 city
 I fell in love with as a child.
 While the day screamed
 Panic,
 I screamed Mercy.
 I screamed Helpless.
 And it was the death of
 these twins,
 That changed the world
 forever.

~Melissa Genova

"FEEL GOOD" WITH CORKY RAMANO

Mike Potts
 Staff Writer

There are movies that capture our imagination, that take hold of our hearts and minds and inspire us. These are the movies that tell such brilliant, moving stories, that make us walk out of the theater searching for our own purpose, longing for the chance to climb into the ring or take the field or whisper those magical, romantic words into the ear of the woman we love.

Corky Romano is not one of these movies. It is however, a "feel-good" movie in a totally different way. It grabs hold of our hearts and minds, not through game winning homeruns or coming-of-age tear jerking stories, but through laughter. While we may not leave our seats in amazement, we do leave them in better spirits.

I admit, at first I really did not want to see *Corky*. A waste of money was my first thought. Just another spoof comedy wasting the

talents of yet another *Saturday Night Live* star. I am the kind of moviegoer who looks at the story, the meaning behind the film, not the special effects and hard-hitting action. If I watch a comedy I prefer witty humor, not the ridiculous kind like most of the *Saturday Night* crew has spilled out in movies. I guess I am picky when it comes to movies, and that is precisely the reason I first rejected the idea of watching *Corky Ramano*. While it was in fact ridiculous humor, I was surprised to find myself laughing all the way through it. It was ridiculous, the plot and the characters, almost stupid, but I couldn't help from laughing.

Chris Kattan plays Corky Ramano, a clumsy veterinarian assistant and the baby brother in a Mafia family. Sent away by the family because of his lack of worth to its business, the family now calls on him for help. Corky's father, Pops Ramano (Peter Falk) is in trouble; the FBI is closing in on him fast. So Corky, his identity virtually unknown to the FBI, is tapped by the family to infil-

trate the FBI and steal the evidence the bureau has on Pops.

The rest of the movie, Corky struggles to secure the evidence and worm his way out of being recognized as an imposter. The real humor in the movie is that such a bumbling idiot does not get caught. Throughout the movie, minor subplots progress outside Corky's main task, each hilariously funny. While things heat up between Corky and a sexy agent (Vinessa Shaw), his "tough guy" brothers struggle with their own dilemmas. Ironically, the brains of the family (Peter Berg) battles with illiteracy in a variety of comic moments through the film, while the family muscle (Chris Penn) battles with his homosexual tendencies. In all, In all, the movie was indeed what I'm sure it aimed to be: Funny. Though it will not win any Oscars and it will be dismissed by many critics, *Corky Ramano* made me "feel good." More importantly it made me laugh.

"There are only two kinds of worth while people in life, those who make commitments and those who require commitment of others."

~John Adams, 1776

Around the world

(from www.didyouknow.com)

Did you know that Picts got their name from their tattooed skins? Picts were ancient people of Northern Scotland.

The Romans gave them the name because they painted and tattooed their skins. The Latin word for painter is pictor.

The Picts fought the Romans for many years, prompting the Romans to build two long walls to keep the Picts out of the province of Britain.

Later, the Picts also fought the Angels and Saxons. They disappeared as a people by about 900 AD.